

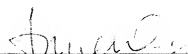
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office action dated May 28, 2008, the Examiner rejected claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly obvious over Haissaguerre, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,068,629) in view of Swanson, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,428,537). However, Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 7 to recite a non-retractable electrode rigidly attached to the distal end of the probe body at a single location along the elongated body of the electrode. Neither Haissaguerre nor Swanson teach or suggest such a feature. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 7, and all claims dependent therefrom, including claims 2-6 and 8-27, are allowable over Haissaguerre and Swanson.

Claims 1-27 remain pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 7. The amendments find full support in the original specification, claims and drawings, and no new matter is presented. In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all of pending claims 1-27 are in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests a timely indication of allowance. However, if there are any remaining issues that can be addressed by telephone, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's counsel at the number indicated below.

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